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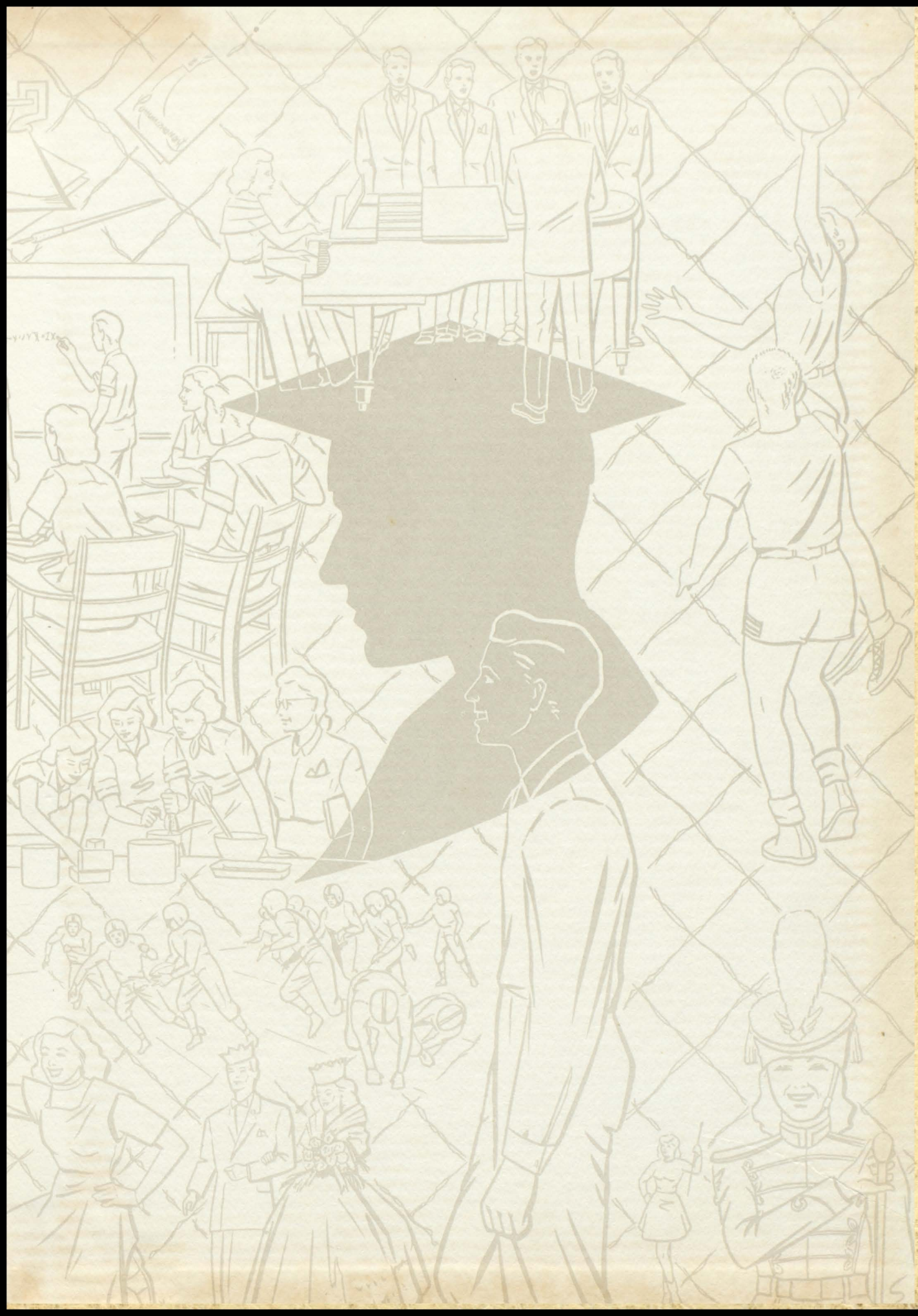
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*Armstrong, Illinois*

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## *Dedication*

Time marches on; years relentlessly pass;  
And now we have "The Senior Class"  
Of "55" and a yearbook too  
To dedicate to our farmers true.  
To them we say both great and small--  
You're always ready to answer a call  
From a person in need;  
You are a friend to all.  
You are up bright and early  
With the rising sun  
Working on till the day is done.  
You are more than willing  
To help repay  
Any favors received along life's way.  
You are always lending a helping hand,  
For we boys and girls, you understand,  
Have had our problems; we must say  
That you have been backing us every day.  
And as you go about your daily task  
You have given us more  
Than we ever should ask  
With your love and devotion  
You have been most sincere,  
As we carried on our four years here.  
And as this year wanes and comes to a close,  
We will cherish the memory of you,  
Our dear farmer friends  
In the days gone by,  
And the way you have helped  
Us at Armstrong High.  
And we salute you  
Till the setting sun  
In appreciation of what you have done.

--Gladys Boggess



*To The Farmers*





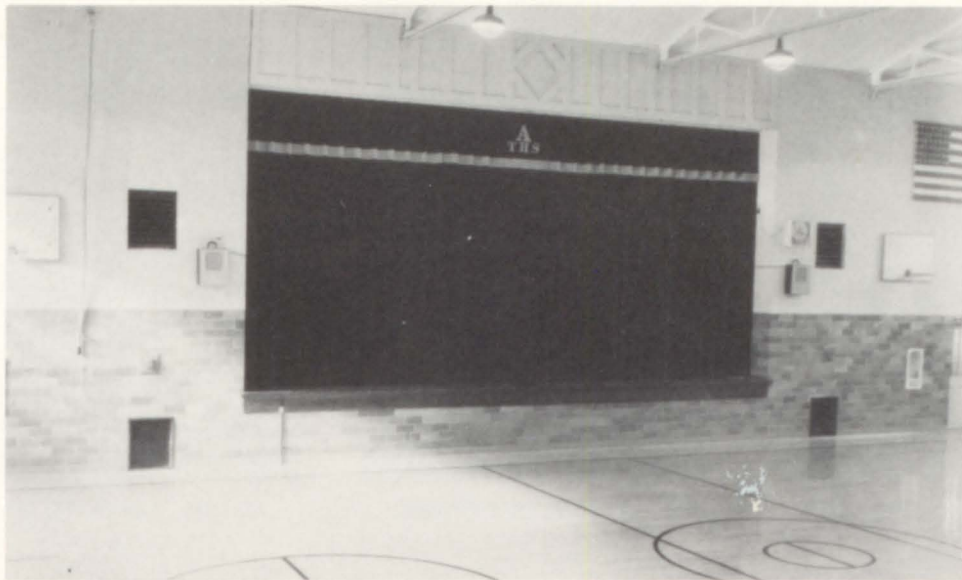
## *Our Principal*

It is with a great deal of sincere appreciation that I again have the privilege of making a few statements to the students of the Armstrong Township High School, their parents, and other patrons.

During these days and years of somewhat uncertainty for our students as they leave high school, I might remind them of the purpose of education; namely, the making of good citizens--morally, socially, economically, politically--by giving each student the opportunity to satisfy his needs, interests, and abilities. This purpose should be fundamental in the expression of the peoples' desires for their schools, in the schoolboards regulations on various aspects of the educational system, and in the educator's operation of the school itself. May time prove young friends, that we in the driver's seat have steered you along the straight, durable roads that will lead to happy, useful lives. And as you mature may you carry the torch on to still greater heights.

J. Benj. Walrich





## *Armstrong High School Gymnasium*

We, the students wish to thank the school board for the wonderful job of redecorating the gymnasium and other improvements made throughout the school.



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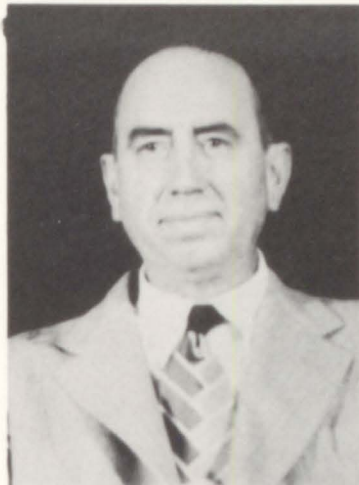
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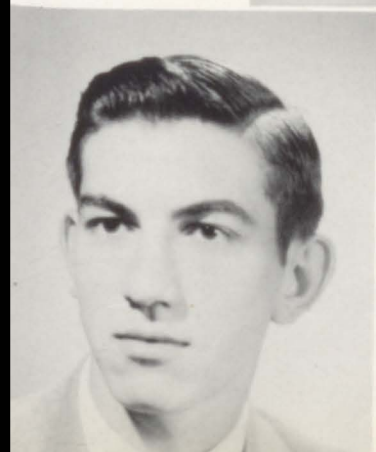
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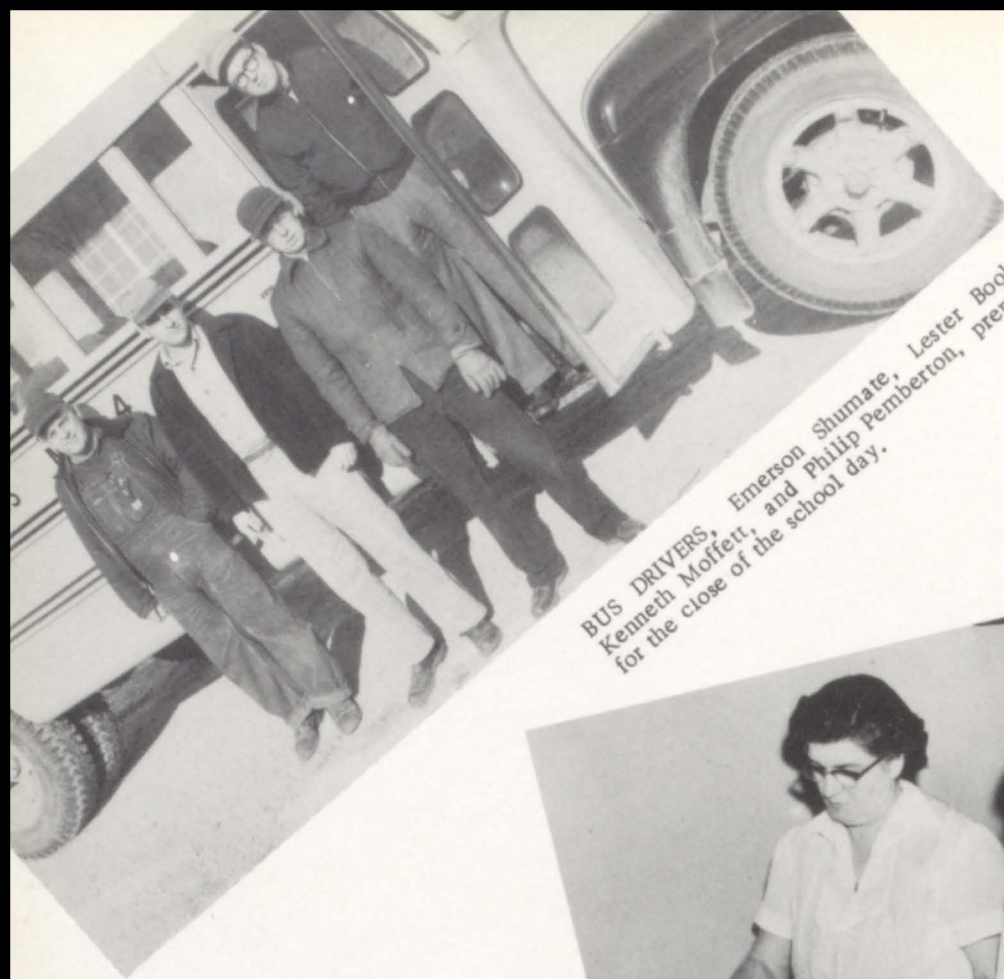


NORMA ELLIS  
Classes



EVERETT BUSSARD  
Sports





BUS DRIVERS, Emerson Shumate, Lester Booher, Kenneth Moffett, and Philip Pemberton, preparing for the close of the school day.



SCHOOL COOKS, Mrs. Irene Moffett and Mrs. Goldie Wilson, filling lunch plates.



CUSTODIANS, Lester Booher and Emerson Shumate, cleaning up the school.





*The Land Owners*





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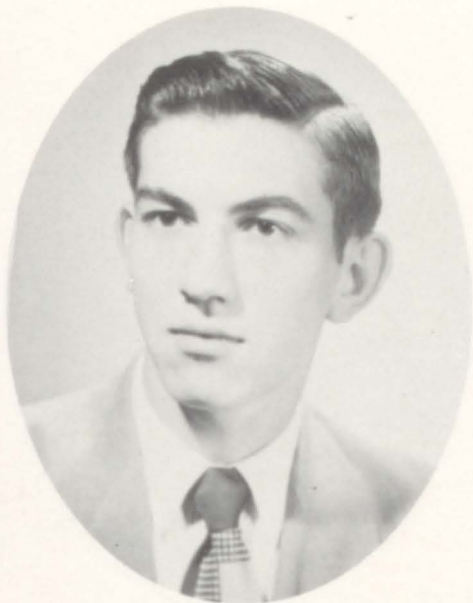
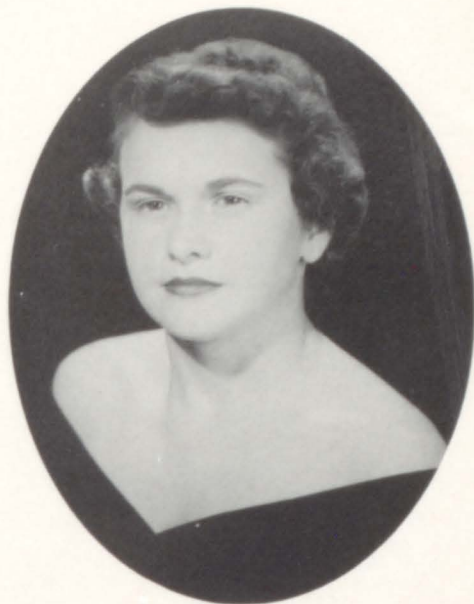


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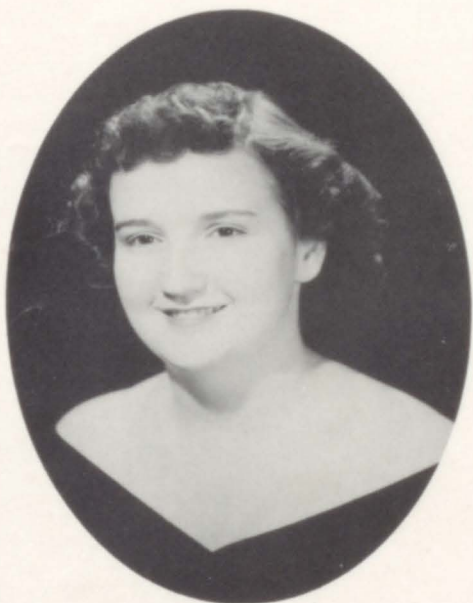
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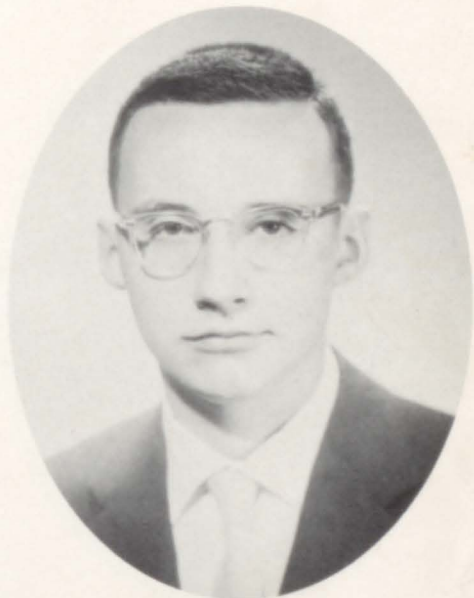


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PHYLLIS CAIN  
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DEAN LEON DENTON  
Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball Manager 1.





BARBARA EARLY

F.H.A. 1; Glee Club 1; Library Staff 4; Baton 2,3;  
Solo Contest 3.



NORMA ELLIS

F.H.A. 1,2,3, Treasurer 3; Band 1,2,3,4, President 4;  
Homecoming Attendant 1,4; Annual Staff 4; Class  
Officer 4; School Paper 2,4; Flag Custodian 4.

SHIRLEY FRYE

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Reporter 2, Parliamentarian 2, Presi-  
dent 4; G.A.A. 1,2,4, Vice-President 2; Band 1,2,3,4,  
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President 4; Junior Play; Class Officer 1,2,3; School  
Paper 2,3,4, Editor 3; Annual Staff 4; Cheerleader 2,  
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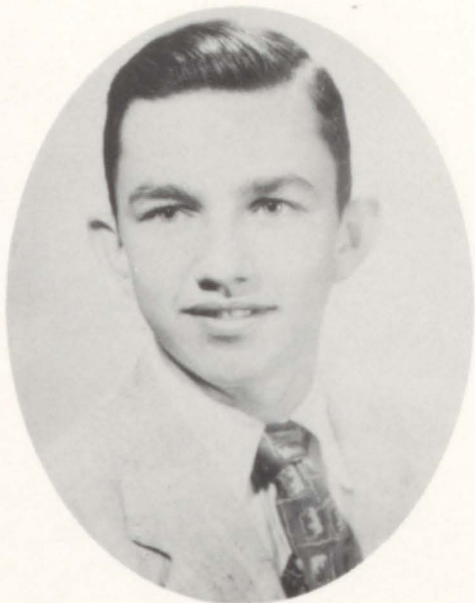
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4.



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MARCELLA LOUISE McCLAIN

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DONNA MOSSON

F.H.A. 1,2,4; Homecoming Attendant 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Junior Play; School Paper 4; Annual Staff 4; Cheerleader 2,4; Library Staff 4; Baton 2,3,4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Flag Custodian 4.

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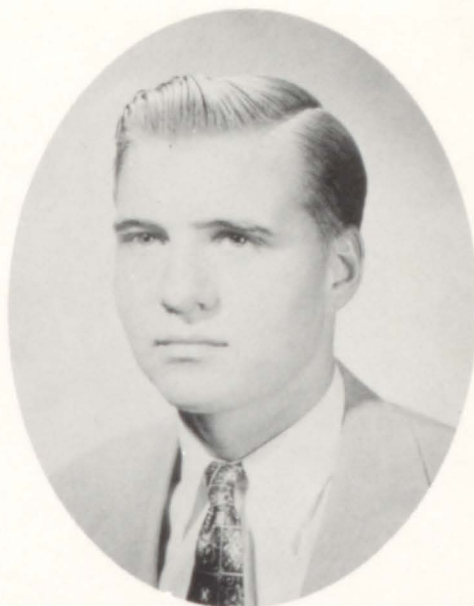
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ERVIN OLSON  
Class Officer 4.



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Attendant 1; Graduation Marshal.



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Paper 3; Student Council 3; Operetta 3,4; Solo Con-  
test 2,3,4.



CAROL ANN SAATHOFF  
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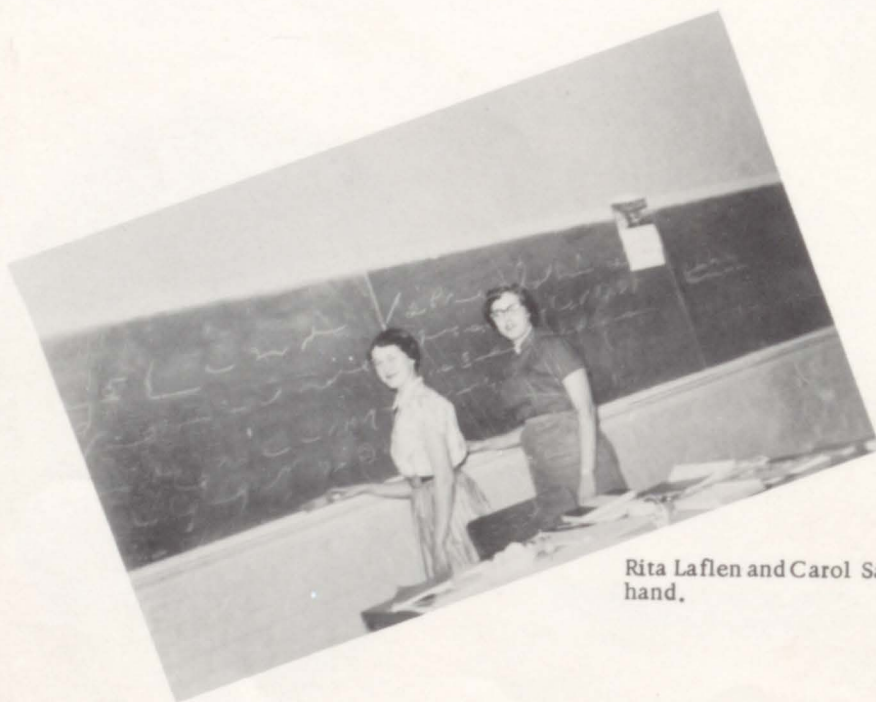


GAYLE C. SMITH

CHARLES VAUGHN  
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Track 2.



## *Senior Snapshot*



Rita Laflen and Carol Saathoff at work on their shorthand.





*The Hired Hands*



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Nellie Ault



## *Juniors*



Roberta Ault

Ray Bell



Bill Berry

Dick Buck

David Cessna



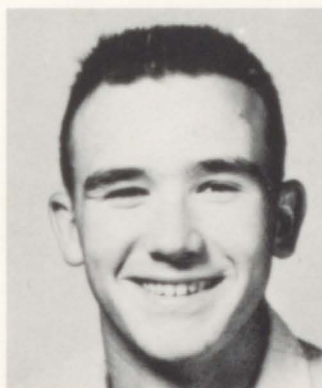
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Rita Clementz  
Pat Cler



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Ronnie Ellett  
Martha Fisher



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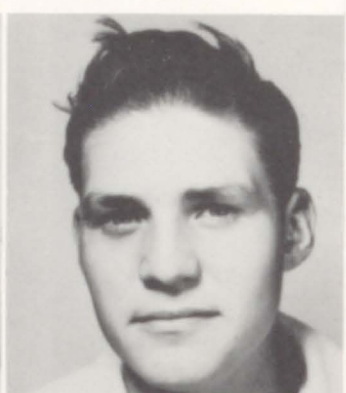
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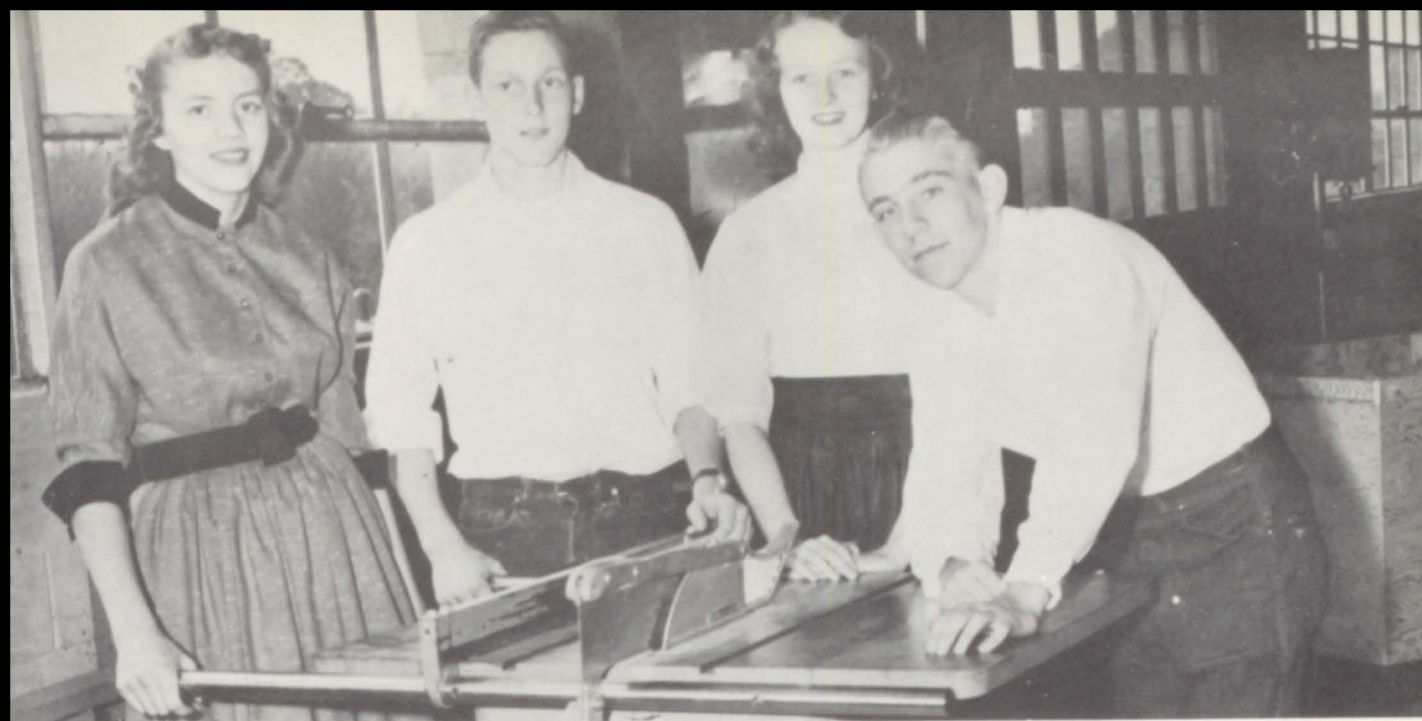
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 Homer Booher



Joe Brown  
 John Collins



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 John Curtis  
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Pat Early

Terry Ellis

Janice Freese



John Fredrickson

Bob Fleming

Gene Frerichs



Lester Frerichs

Charles Gossett

Rosa Lee Harrison



Marilyn Jarvis

Peggy Kenney

Edwin King



Jack King

Dean Luttrell

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MELVIN MILES  
LORETTA MURRELL



ELDRED OLSON  
ELAINE RADEMACHER  
JANET RICE



LOU ANN SCHLUTER  
DORENE SJOKEN  
JANICE WARD



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WILLIE WEBB  
CHARLENE WILKEN



RITA YOUMANS  
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## *Freshmen*



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RITA ATKINS



JOHN AULT

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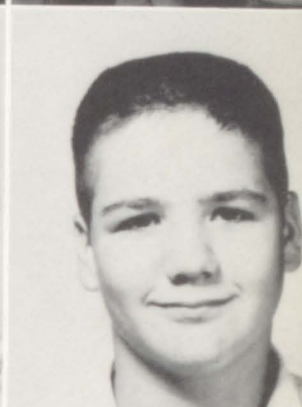
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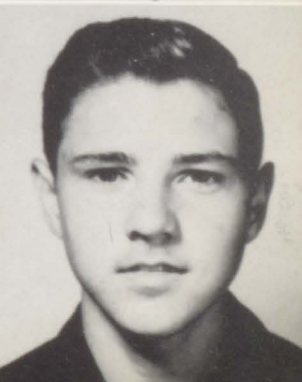
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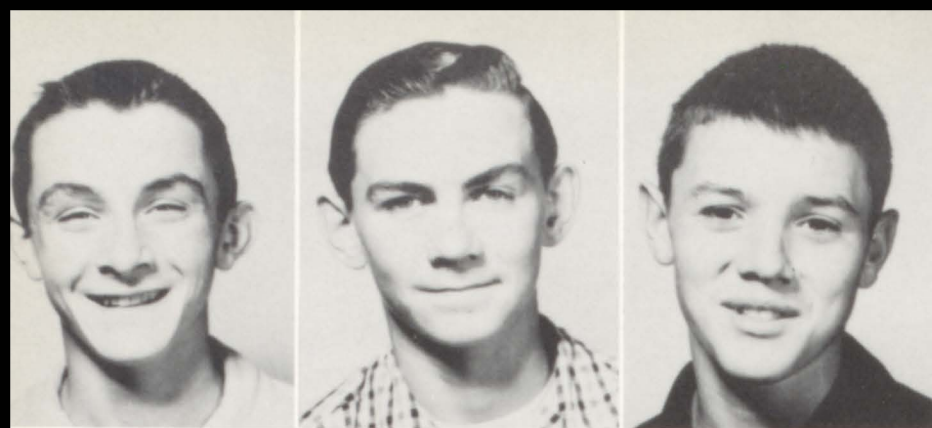


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JAMES GREER



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LOYAL MABRY  
LINDA MILES  
DEWAIN MOORE



BILL POYNER  
NANCY ROSS  
DAVID SCONCE



CONNIE SMITH  
JOANNE WALRICH  
HENEL WERNEIGH



ELAINE WILKIN  
ELMER WILKIN  
WAYNE WILKIN



# Class Will

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1955, of Armstrong Township High School, County of Vermilion, State of Illinois, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

- To Mr. Walrich we leave a bottle of color-back for all the grey hairs we have put in his head.  
To Miss Keitzman we leave all our misplaced library books.  
To Mr. Pemberton we leave a new supply of booklets on the constitution. This years are badly worn!  
To Mrs. Swengel we leave a new and bigger bulletin board, so she won't need to make so many English assignments in Study Hall.  
To Miss Stark we leave a well-prepared cook book. I'm sure she will put it to use within a short time.  
To Mr. Coffey we leave some money to take him and his wife on another trip next year.  
To Mr. Reber we leave a winning baseball, basketball, and track team. Also a new miniature basketball for Mikie.  
To Miss Brodeak we leave our dancing ability--yes, we realize that it was limited.  
To Miss Miller we leave Bill Berry so you won't miss Buddy's talking in class.  
To Mr. Birch we leave a new supply of hammers for all those that weren't returned last year.  
To "Lindy" we leave a new doorstop for the music room. We're sure you'll appreciate this!  
To the Secretary we leave our perfect disposition, a better attendance record and report cards.  
To "Lec" and "Em", our Janitors, we leave our hopes of a neater and more helpful group of students in the future.  
To the Bus Drivers we leave shorter bus routes.  
To our two cooks we leave a quieter group of students. Now that we're gone, the problem will halfway be solved.  
To the School Board we leave a more intelligent group of students. Less worries next year!  
To the Underclassmen we leave more room in the lunch room so you can get down to eat faster.  
I, Kathy Atkins, will my front seat in assembly to Lois Halcomb. Three years won't hurt!  
I, Rich Murrell, will my athletic ability to Chuck Gossett. No smoking!  
I, David Jarvis, will all my interests in girls to Charles Chesnut.  
I, Clara Hesterberg, will all my left-over air mail letters to Rosa Lee Harrison. Or is it a different one now?  
I, Robert Pflugmacher, will my ability to get around on Sunday nights, without a date, to Lester Frerichs.  
I, Leon Denton, will all the fun I had in English IV class to Margaret Zimmerman and to anyone else who can get by with it.  
I, Shirley Kenney, will my odd giggle to Darlene Mosson. Do you think mine and yours will mix?  
I, Buddy Bussard, will my ability to talk to Frank Gordon. Make good use of it while you can.  
I, Shirley Frye, will my technique for being neat to Gwen Eakle.  
I, Christine Boggess, will my nickname "Poochy" to Janice Freese. I've been wanting to get rid of it for so long.  
I, Carol Saathoff, will my position as Annual Editor to anyone who wants it.  
I, Chuck Poyner, will my big mouth to Gary McClellan. Learn to use it wisely!  
I, Rita Laflen, will my ability to say things without thinking to John Curtis.  
I, Chuck Vaughn, will my good grades to Janet Rice. Better improve!  
I, Phyllis Cain, will my good times with Potomac boys to Nancy Ross. Take advantage of those "C.O.D." (Come Over Dear) Corners.  
I, Donna Mosson, will my Homecoming crown to next year's Queen.  
I, Gayle Smith, will my changing interests in girl friends and my late hours to Dick Hopkins. That's better than going steady!  
I, Ervin Olson, will my ability to make people laugh without even trying to Charlene Wilken. Cheer it up, kid!  
I, Norma Ellis, will my wild ideas of men to Helen Zaphel.  
I, Doris Greer, will my quietness to Bill Berry. Not that you can't use it!  
I, Louise McClain, will my love for a green Oldsmobile to Carol Plotner. Let me use it a little longer though!  
I, Barbara Early, will my bashfulness to Rita Clementz. That means you'll have to give up flirting with the boys, Rita.  
I, Ann Brown, will my gym suit and shoes to June Howell. Hope they fit!

This last will and testament was written and witnessed on the 6th day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four in the presence of--

Marilyn Monroe, Rock Hudson, Jerry Lewis

## Class Prophecy

You can never imagine what will happen to your class in ten years. As the spirit of the class of '55 it was interesting to see how my former classmates had done on this big earth.

I had to cross the ocean to Paris to find KATHY ATKINS. She is a dress designer there. Most people say she is as good as Dior was during our high school years, although she isn't encouraging the flat look.

Did you know that some of your old classmates are now in Africa? Little DAVID JARVIS is a white elephant hunter in South Africa. He is better known to the natives as "Muscles" Jarvis. BOB PFLUGMACHER is working with the conservation department in the Sahara Desert. They are now working on a big project for the watering of camels, something like a fueling station. Good luck, Robert!

From here let's go back to the United States to visit some more of our former classmates. LEON DENTON is happily married and lives in Lafayette. He is very successful in the candle business and his best customer is Liberace. LOUISE McCLAIN is teaching English in a high school in Indiana. She is also happily married to a Hoo-sier.

We find many of our old classmates living around Armstrong. EVERETT BUSSARD is now farming north of Penfield in Clerville. He is happily married to an old schoolmate. NORMA ELLIS is a reporter for the newspaper in Penfield. She also writes jokes for some of the T.V. shows. GAYLE SMITH is a contractor in Armstrong. His favorite pastime is taking Sunday drives to Lafayette. RICHARD MURRELL is now farming north of Gifford on his father's farm. He is also the proud father of two little "Mirrels."

The former RITA LAFLIN is now a famous movie star and has changed her name to Marcia Moth. Her studio bills her as the second Debbie Reynolds. She has also married a singer as Debbie did. SHIRLEY KENNEY is seen quite often on colored T.V. lately. She plays the Lady villain on a continued show called "Boo". CHRISTINE BOGESS is playing the saxophone for the Philharmonic Orchestra in Boston. Mrs. Frankenstein is the pen name of BARBARA EARLY. She is writing mystery novels which are in great demand. DORIS GREER is the marching instructor at the West Point Academy for boys. Of course she is enjoying her work very much.

What's this! The former SHIRLEY FRYE is now the co-owner of the Holtville Chemical Company. She is married to Mr. Holt, the President, and they have given us many useful inventions. The former ANN BROWN is now the owner of the "U Shape It" Sweater shop. She is also raising a family of four. PHYLLIS CAIN is hunting the bones of prehistoric animals. She is also still hunting a man. CLARA HESTERBERG is our lady farmer. She is raising a fine herd of Banguse goats which she allows to graze in the hills of Dogtown. CHARLES VAUGHN is running a small, out of the way, place called the "Gurgler". Of course his attractive wife is a great asset to the place.

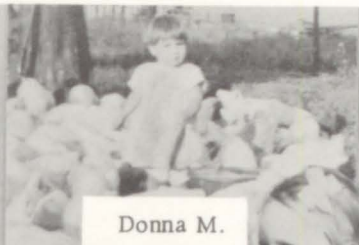
Cheerleading in school turned out to be a great help to DONNA MOSSON. She is now a cheerleader for the "Cornfield Canaries", a professional football team. ERVIN OLSON is the manager of a night club with dancing, dining, and floorshows. Ervin likes his job at "Hernando's Hidaway" especially the floorshows. CHARLES POYNER studied medicine after high school but it seems as though most of his patients turned out to be "old nags". One of our classmates turned out to be a nurse. CAROL SAATHOFF is the head nurse at the "Kill Em or Cure Em" Hospital. I believe the percentage is now 49% lives and 51% dies.

Well, as you can see most of them have done pretty good. Aren't you quite surprised!





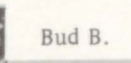
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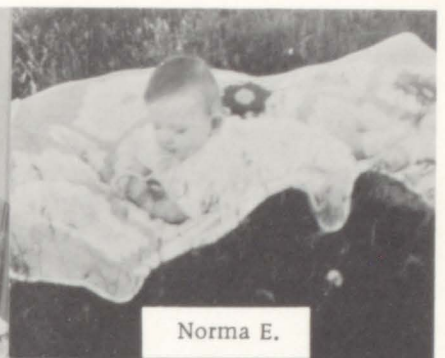
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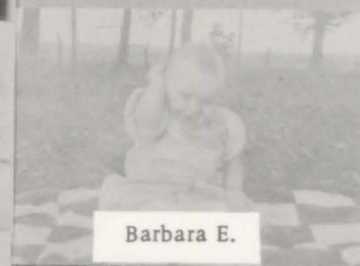
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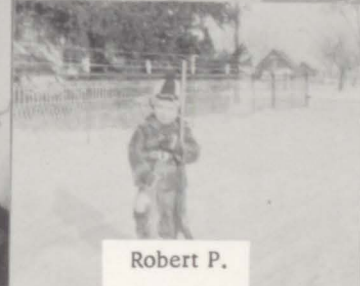
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## *Homecoming Royalty*

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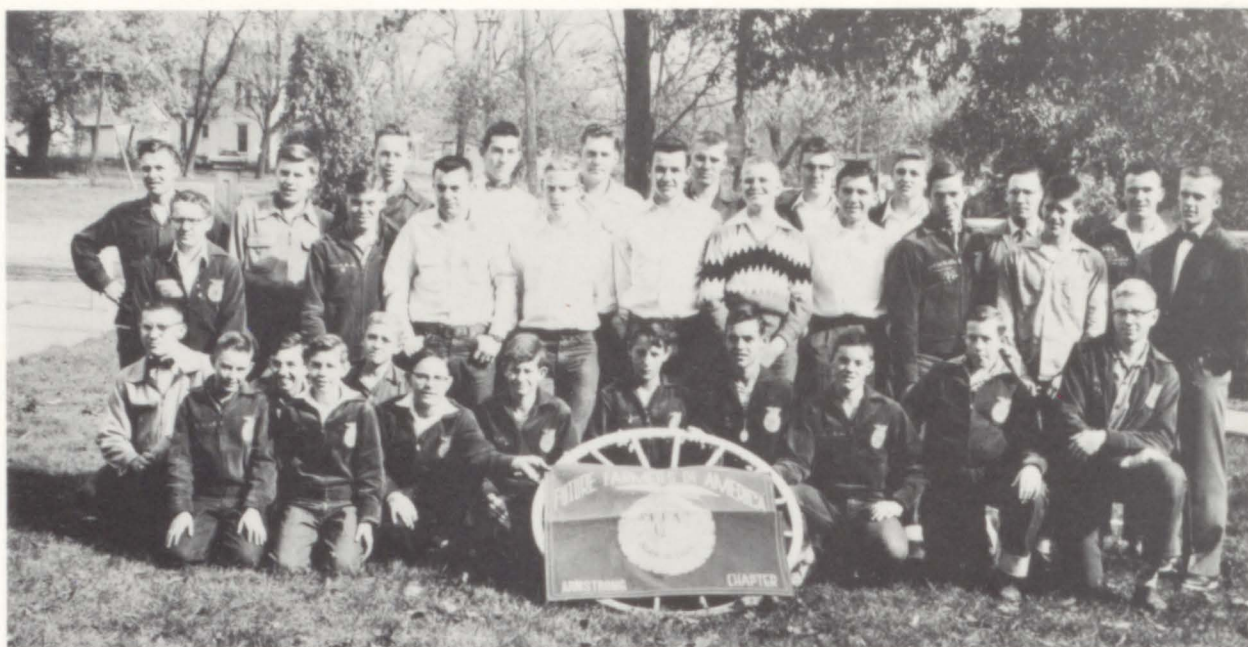
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Carol P.  
Reporter



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## *Driver Training*



Rita Clementz and Evelyn Blue have just received instructions on operating the Driver Training car from Miss Brodeak.

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*Operetta*  
*"In The Park"*





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## *The Junior Play*

"Father was a Housewife", the Junior Class play, was presented October 14 and 15 in the high school gym.



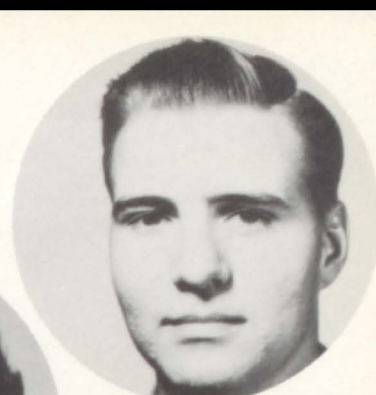
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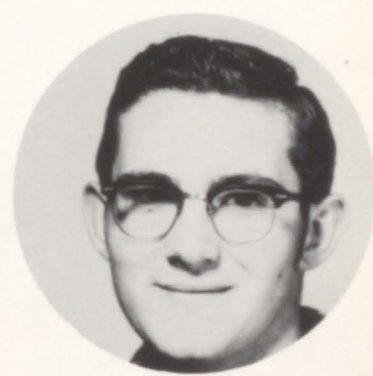
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## *The Senior Play*

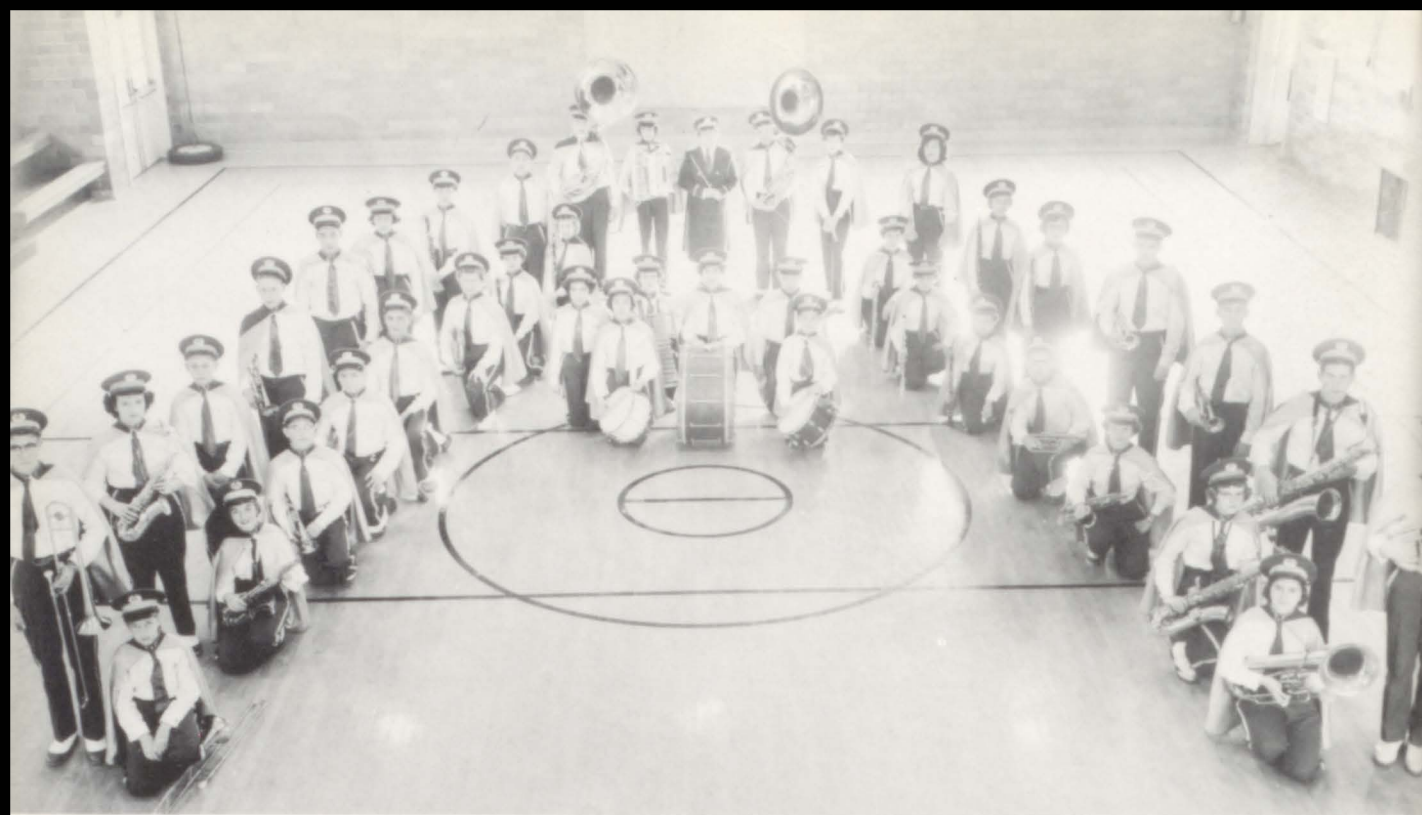
"Who Killed Aunt Caroline?," the senior class play, was presented in April. Aunt Caroline deserved to die --no doubt of that--she was mean, domineering, and rich. But the real mystery was, who in the family could have killed her?



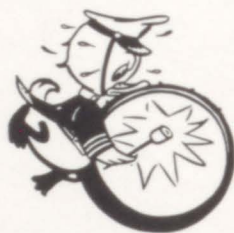
Mrs. Eleanor Endicott  
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 Donna Mosson  
 Norma Ellis  
 Ervin Olson



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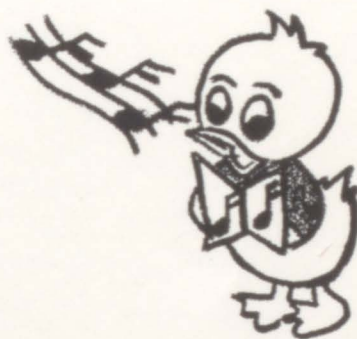


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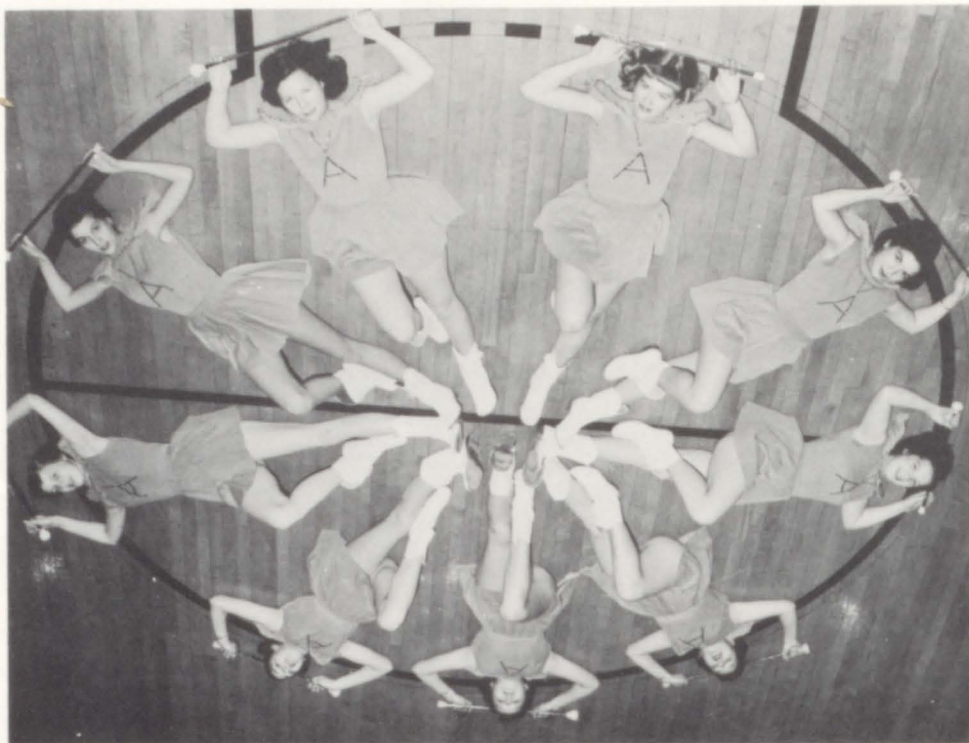
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*Chorus*

# Baton



CLOCKWISE: Donna Chestnut, Donna Mosson, Darlene Mosson, JoAnn Loschen, Ann Clingan, Dorene Sjoken, LouAnn Schluter, Janet Rice, Doris Greer.



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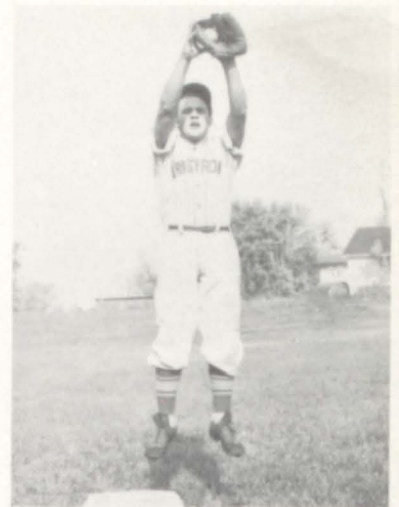




*Athletics*



Edwin King  
Center Field



John Curtis  
Short Stop

# Baseball

Richard Murrell  
Left Field



Dick Hopkins  
Pitcher



John Collins  
First Base



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Lester Frerichs  
Left Field



Ted Walrich  
First Base



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Second Base

Terry Cornell  
Third Base



Walter Pribble  
Right Field

Dean Luttrell  
Catcher



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## Baseball Schedule

Opponent	Place	Score	
Ogden	Here	1	3
Potomac	There	4	2
Henning	Here	8	6
East Lynn	Here	17	1
Bismarck	There	21	0
Rankin	There	3	7
Ogden (Playoff)	There	0	5
Won 4		Lost 3	

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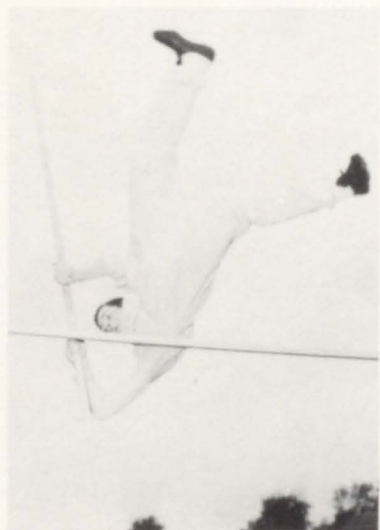
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## Track



Ted Walrich--Pole Vault  
Ted set a new record in Freshmen-Sophomore meet at 5 ft. 8 1/2 in. He also participated in the county meet.



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Dean Luttrell--Discus



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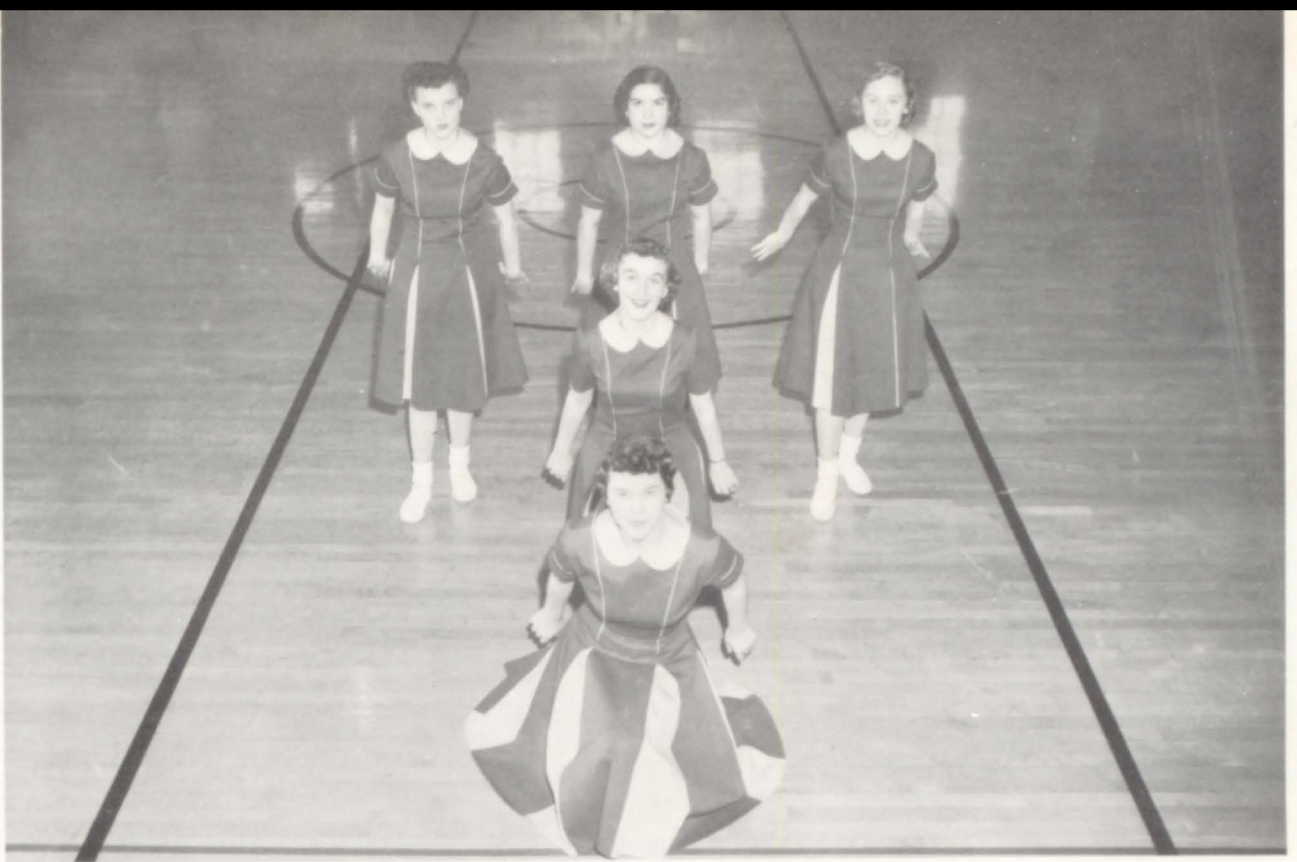
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Richard Murrell--Broad Jump

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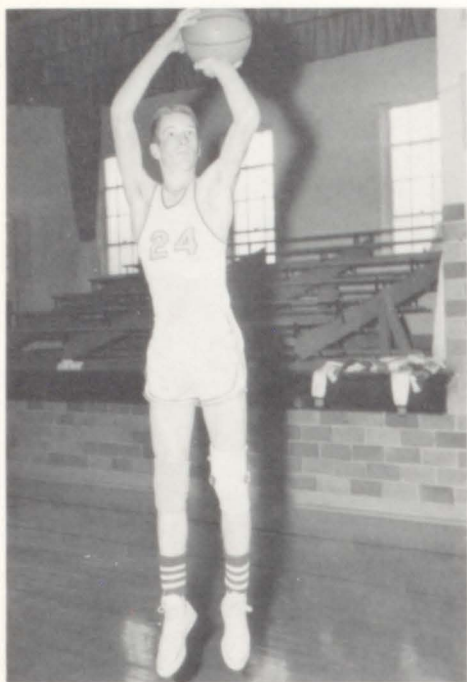


Leading our boys to victory were our cheerleaders--Shirley Frye, Pat Cler, Rita Youmans, Donna Mosson, and Lois Halcomb.

## *Cheerleaders*



Armstrong vs. Bismarck



Dick Hopkins  
Forward



Buddy Bussard  
Forward  
Co-Captain

## *The Trojans*



John Collins  
Center

Richard Murrell  
Guard  
Co-Captain







Homer Booher  
Guard



Ronnie Ellett  
Guard



Ted Walrich  
Forward



Walt Pribble  
Guard



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Walter Pribble, Ted Walrich, John Collins, Bud Bussard, Dick Hopkins, Rich Murrell.  
SECOND ROW: Frank Gordon, Manager; Edwin King, Vernon Rademacher, Lester Frerichs, Gary McClellan, Homer Booher, Mr. Reber, Coach.

WE	VARSITY	THEY	OPPONENTS	WE	B TEAM	THEY
51		49	Ogden	50		13
45		61	Potomac	23		36
62		40	Milford	35		21
65		75	Rossville	43		22
62		51	Bismarck	43		36
87		56	Henning	46		24
53		51	Ogden	63		14
70		63	Hoopeston	55		47
73		64	Rankin	51		39
57		69	East Lynn	63		24
52		46	Paxton			
66		69	Watseka	Paxton Holiday Tourney Third		
63		49	Hoopeston			
64		66	Oakwood	50		51
53		78	Westville	38		52
71		73	East Lynn	43		27
52		55	Rossville--County Tourney			
68		57	Henning	45		28
75		69	Catlin	75		45
49		46	Oakwood	45		46
70		92	Potomac	40		52
67		71	Bismarck	45	Overtime	46
76		81	Rossville	59		27
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Player	Tot. Pts.	Field Goals	Shot Percentage	Free Throws	Free Throw Percentage	Average Pts. Game
Bussard	405	142	.427	117	.612	16.2
Hopkins	363	135	.419	92	.730	14.5
Collins	296	117	.439	64	.659	11.8
Murrell	168	64	.303	40	.449	6.72
Ellett	150	47	.337	56	.636	6.8
Walrich	147	48	.320	51	.708	6.1
Pribble	19	5	.161	9	.642	1.1
Booher	8	3	.200	2	.500	.66
Rademacher	5	2	.285	1	.333	.883
King	2	1	1.000	0	.000	1.0

#### VARSITY

Won 13      Lost 12  
 Team Av. Per Game--62.4  
 Opponents Av. Per Game--62.3

#### B TEAM

Won 13      Lost 7  
 Team Av. Per Game--48.7  
 Opponents Av. Per Game--36.

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Beautiful Brown Eyes





Huddle up a little closer!



Baby it's cold outside!



Rid'em Cowboy!



Farmhands!



Nap time -- Ann C.



Pig Tails!



Patrol Boy!



Smile pretty!



We were waltzing together!



Beautiful Dreamers!

*It's me,  
just.*



Cutie Pie!

# *School*



Lois Halcomb  
Rich Murrell  
Best Dancers  
Most Courteous  
Most Attractive  
Best Dressed



Shirley Frye  
Bud Bussard  
Most Popular



Charlene Wilken  
Frank Gordon  
Shyest



Clara Hesterberg  
Ted Walrich  
Most Likely to Succeed



Gwen Eakle  
Bill Berry  
Most Talkative

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## *Notables*



Lois Halcomb  
Ted Walrich  
Most Studious



Clara Hesterberg  
Rich Murrell  
Best All Around



Gwen Eakle  
Bud Bussard  
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Rita Youmans  
Bud Bussard  
Most Athletic



Shirley Frye  
Terry Ellis  
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